in the years 1984-85 and 1985-86, year-Wise;

(b) how many such projects have been signed for the agricultural aector during the period;

(c) the states to whom these projects have been distributed; and

(d) how manymore much projects with Japanes ned in the year 1&96-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNA-CHALAM): (a) to (c) The statistical . information regarding Foreign Colla-borations is maintained calender year-wise. 78 and 108 ijroposals for foreign collaboration with Japanese firms we're approved by Government during the years 1984 and 1985 respectively. The details of all approved foreign collaborations showing the names of Indian and Foreign firms, item of manufacture and nature of collaboration are published on a quarterly basis by Indian Investment Centre as . a supplement to its Monthly News Letter. Copies of this publication are sent regularly to Parliament Library.

(d) As approvals are in responae to proposals made, no projection is possible.

Loss suffered due to gas flaring

2156. iSHRl YEI..LA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 50 per cent of gas is being flared due to lack of equipment for the last 5-6 yeaVs and it so, total losses suffered in terms of retail domestic consumer sale price; and

(b) whether GoveVnment will fix reaponsibility in the matter by appointing a Parliamentary inquiry Committee?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANiDORA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir; Natural Gas is not being flared due to non-availability of bottling equipment for which adequate capacity is available in the country. Natural gas cannot be compressed and stdred in ylinders economically like LPG and supplied to retail consumers. It is being flared for reasons such as inadequate compression facilities offshore, inadequate infrastructural facilities downstream, failure of consumers to lift the committed offtake^ safey reasons, etc. The total quantity of natural gas that was flared during the year 1984-85, for which figures are available, is 3052 million cubic metres. The notional value of this gas computed at "he rate of Rs. 100 per thousand cubic metres, the lowest rate charged within the country, is Rs. 30.52 croree.

(b) No, Sir; with the installation of additional compressors and supply of gas to more consumers, the situa tion will improve considerably in the coming months.

Fertilizer plants based on HBJ gaa Pipeline

2157. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:
DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of fertilizer plants likely to be served by the proposed HBJ gas pipeline;

Cb) what is the, capital outlay and the expected dates of their completion; and

(c) what is the loss of time and money spent and loss of production due to delay in the execution of HBJ gas pipeline project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEtJM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The HBJ Gaa pipeline will catar to the feedstock requirements of *Us.*